

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 903

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Petty Officer Second
Class Xin Qi, United States Navy, of Cordova.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Petty Officer Xin Qi, a courageous member of the United States Navy who gave his life in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the citizens of the Volunteer State have willingly forsaken comforts and securities by taking up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind in order to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Qi was a dedicated sailor and an exemplary corpsman killed on January 23, 2010, three months after arriving in Afghanistan, when a suicide bomber attacked his foot patrol; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-five year old Naval Reservist and student at the University of Texas, Petty Officer Qi volunteered for his deployment with the Fourth Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Marine Expeditionary Brigade — Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, valiantly serving as a hospital corpsman alongside Marines in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Petty Officer Qi served with the utmost character, skill, and integrity, earning the respect of his superiors and fellow sailors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Petty Officer Qi did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional sailor, Petty Officer Second Class Xin Qi, United States Navy, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Petty Officer Second Class Xin Qi, United States Navy, a man of impeccable character and courage who stalwartly committed himself to the defense of his nation as a naval corpsman, and reflect fondly upon his bravery and dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Petty Officer Qi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.